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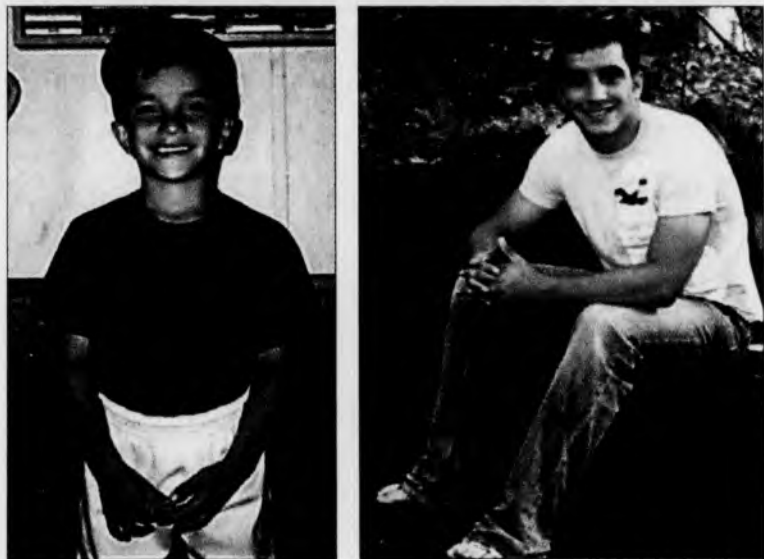


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REMEMBERING JEREMY FOSTER



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY FOSTER FAMILY

University sophomore lives on in memories of family, friends

By Hannah Sparling
Senior Reporter

For Diane Foster, there are more stories and memories about her son than time to share them. Like the time Jeremy, as a kindergartner, punched a fifth grader in the eye for making fun of his stutter. Or the way he used to pop out from behind corners to scare her. Or how he used to dance with her at weddings. But for the mother of the 21-year-

old University sophomore, there is one memory that sticks out from the rest. It was parents' night for the football team during Jeremy's senior year of high school. As Foster and her son walked across the field, just as the photographer snapped a picture, Jeremy leaned over and kissed his mom on the cheek. "The [other] moms were so jealous, because Jeremy was that way," said Foster, 45. "He had no problems expressing that, by hugging me, by

kissing me, by saying 'I love you' in front of everybody. He didn't care; he was just a loving kind of guy." Jeremy died Dec. 26, 2010, of an unknown cause.

On Christmas Day, Foster, Jeremy and his brother, Ben, were at Foster's home in Bowling Green. They watched movies, played Yahtzee and had a "kick butt" dinner. Then, at

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Volunteers honor MLK's vision

By Danae King
Reporter

For many students, staff and faculty at the University, yesterday's Martin Luther King Jr. Day meant having "a day on, not a day off." The Office of Service Learning and the student organization Civic Action Now coordinated what they called the MLK Challenge Day. This is the University's fourth annual day of service on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, said Mari Knuth-Bouracee, who works at the Office of Service Learning and was one of the coordinating staff members for the event.

"As an office and I think as a University, we believe in the vision that Dr. King had and the legacy that he left for us," Knuth-Bouracee said. "So we serve today to honor Dr. King, and we hope that this is only a jumping off point, a starting point, for the service to come for the people involved today."

Volunteers registered for the event through OrgSync and then were placed with an event based

on their skills. "So each volunteer identified what skill they could contribute ... and so we matched that based on the need for the project," Knuth-Bouracee said. Once the volunteers arrived in the Union Ballroom Monday morning, they checked in, received their group numbers and signed a liability waiver, Knuth-Bouracee said. Next, the volunteers went into the Ballroom for breakfast and to meet the other members of their group. "We had an opening ceremony at 10 a.m. where we got to learn a little bit about MLK Day, why we celebrate, why it's a day on, not a day off," she

MLK DAY BY THE NUMBERS:

- 49 sponsors
- 31 locations
- 39 projects
- Approximately 450 volunteers
- 3,150 service hours logged

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RECAP: Senior Lauren Hamblin, senior Brittany Kenneth and junior Aysha Taylor talk about their service project at a banquet in the Union Ballroom for volunteers. The three are members of the NAACP and helped paint the Youth Center at the Wood County Fairgrounds.



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HEAVY LIFTING: Charles Dent and David Simon carry a couch collected for donation at the United Christian Fellowship during last year's MLK Challenge Day.

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Compiled by Christine Talbert | Reporter

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SERENITY SALON AND SPA 1616 E. WOOSTER ST.	\$15 (\$10 on Wed.)	\$45	\$28	\$45	FULL: \$60 PARTIAL: \$55	\$12
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Grounds hosts food drive Organizing for America, a project of the democratic national committee, hosted a food drive at Grounds for Thought on Monday evening. See photos Page 3	Rule levels NFL playing field Columnist Kevin Murphy illustrates how a rule about interviewing coaches for pro-football teams allows for fairness in important decision making Page 4	BG's 15-game win streak snapped The BG Women's basketball team's 15-game win streak came to an end Saturday at Kent State's M.A.C. Center. The Falcons scored 43 points, their lowest point total of the season Page 6	If you could create a service project, what would it be? MITCH KAISER Freshman, Management Info. Systems "College student run panel for high school FAQs." Page 4

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Dr. Dafina Lazarus Stewart, an associate professor in the higher education and student affairs department at the University, was apart of the group that shoveled snow and repaired bikes.

Stewart said she volunteered Monday because she thinks "service is important and it's necessary to actually fulfill part of Dr. King's legacy ... Doing community uplift through acts of service is one way to get his goal accomplished."

Another group of volunteers took a shuttle to Heritage Corner Health Care Campus located on Klotz Road and helped put together information to mail out. The volunteers worked on their own at first, but after lunch, the residents of Heritage Corner joined them, said New Programs Director Debbie Hatfield.

"This is like a huge help to us," Hatfield said. "This part isn't very challenging, but when the clients get in here, that will be the challenge."

Volunteers could also be found at the Jordan Family Development Center, a Head-Start Pre-school on North College Drive, where they got creative with decorations for the walls.

Sophomore volunteer Travis Lohse explained how the parents of the children who attend the Head-Start Pre-school wrote out goals for their children at the beginning of the year. On Monday, Lohse and his Delta Sigma Pi fraternity brothers, who also participated in the MLK Day, put the goals onto cloth frames and decorated them for the children to see. The frames will be hung up in the center all year long for the children.

Sue Krassow, the office assistant at the Jordan Family Development Center, said this was the second year the center had hosted the volunteers on MLK Day and they "enjoy having them."

Two groups of volunteers were also shuttled to the Northwest Community Corrections Center on East Gypsy Lane Road to help out.

Freshman Jasmine Jennings was a part of the group that interacted with the residents of the center.

"We're talking to the residents about Martin Luther King Day and what it means to have a dream," Jennings said. "We're incorporating everybody's thoughts, so ... I explained some things he spoke about. But also, I sort of changed it up a little bit, asking them what does it mean for them to have a dream."

In addition to talking to the residents about the day, the volunteers also judged an essay contest the residents participated in. Each volunteer was assigned a group of residents and they sat with them and read their essays, Jennings said.

"I am enjoying myself. Well, my group, they're quite funny; they are very funny," Jennings said. "And, you know, I'm learning some things about them, well, just about people in general, but about them. They made it real down to earth. I could be myself. I didn't have to be, you know, the college student, I could just be Jasmine."

After the volunteers were done at the sites, they came back to campus for closing ceremony, reflection and dinner, Knuth-Bouracee said.

The closing ceremony was held in the Union Ballroom and involved a performance of service-related skits by the Humanities Troup.

The event would not have been possible without its many sponsors.

"We don't have an operating budget for this event, so everything is fundraised and everything is donated. And it's about a \$9,000 event," Knuth-Bouracee said.

To get sponsors, the Office of Service Learning reached out to the community using e-mail, hard copy mailings and cold calls. Sponsors of the event donated money, food, supplies and their time.

Knuth-Bouracee said she heard a lot of good feedback, and volunteers told her they had a great time at their site.

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CANS & COFFEE

Organizing for America, the grassroots organization that supports President Obama's agenda for change, hosted a food drive at Grounds for Thought Monday night.

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LEFT: Roger Shope, organizer and member of Organizing for America, looks over the day's donations. Organizing for America volunteers were door to door collecting foods for shelters as part of the Wood County MLK Canvas for Food, which began at 11 a.m.

BOTTOM LEFT: Service members organize the day's collection Monday evening at Grounds for Thought. Coleman Hower (right), a University graduate in political science, is a community organizer with Organizing for America. He helped spread the word through out the community.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Displayed are some of the weekend's donations. Organizers estimated close to 2,000 pounds of non-perishable food items were collected.



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Dr. Dafina Lazarus Stewart, an associate professor in the higher education and student affairs department at the University, was apart of the group that shoveled snow and repaired bikes.

Stewart said she volunteered Monday because she thinks "service is important and it's necessary to actually fulfill part of Dr. King's legacy ... Doing community uplift through acts of service is one way to get his goal accomplished."

Another group of volunteers took a shuttle to Heritage Corner Health Care Campus located on Klotz Road and helped put together information to mail out. The volunteers worked on their own at first, but after lunch, the residents of Heritage Corner joined them, said New Programs Director Debbie Hatfield.

"This is like a huge help to us," Hatfield said. "This part isn't very challenging, but when the clients get in here, that will be the challenge."

Volunteers could also be found at the Jordan Family Development Center, a Head-Start Pre-school on North College Drive, where they got creative with decorations for the walls.

Sophomore volunteer Travis Lohse explained how the parents of the children who attend the Head-Start Pre-school wrote out goals for their children at the beginning of the year. On Monday, Lohse and his Delta Sigma Pi fraternity brothers, who also participated in the MLK Day, put the goals onto cloth frames and decorated them for the children to see. The frames will be hung up in the center all year long for the children.

Sue Krassow, the office assistant at the Jordan Family Development Center, said this was the second year the center had hosted the volunteers on MLK Day and they "enjoy having them."

Two groups of volunteers were also shuttled to the Northwest Community Corrections Center on East Gypsy Lane Road to help out.

Freshman Jasmine Jennings was a part of the group that interacted with the residents of the center.

"We're talking to the residents about Martin Luther King Day and what it means to have a dream," Jennings said. "We're incorporating everybody's thoughts, so ... I explained some things he spoke about. But also, I sort of changed it up a little bit, asking them what does it mean for them to have a dream."

In addition to talking to the residents about the day, the volunteers also judged an essay contest the residents participated in. Each volunteer was assigned a group of residents and they sat with them and read their essays, Jennings said.

"I am enjoying myself. Well, my group, they're quite funny; they are very funny," Jennings said. "And, you know, I'm learning some things about them, well, just about people in general, but about them. They made it real down to earth. I could be myself. I didn't have to be, you know, the college student, I could just be Jasmine."

After the volunteers were done at the sites, they came back to campus for closing ceremony, reflection and dinner, Knuth-Bouracee said.

The closing ceremony was held in the Union Ballroom and involved a performance of service-related skits by the Humanities Troup.

The event would not have been possible without its many sponsors.

"We don't have an operating budget for this event, so everything is fundraised and everything is donated. And it's about a \$9,000 event," Knuth-Bouracee said.

To get sponsors, the Office of Service Learning reached out to the community using e-mail, hard copy mailings and cold calls. Sponsors of the event donated money, food, supplies and their time.

Knuth-Bouracee said she heard a lot of good feedback, and volunteers told her they had a great time at their site.

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Organizing for America, the grassroots organization that supports President Obama's agenda for change, hosted a food drive at Grounds for Thought Monday night

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LEFT: Roger Shope, organizer and member of Organizing for America, looks over the day's donations. Organizing for America volunteers went door to door collecting foods for shelters as part of the Wood County MLK Canvas for Food, which began at 11 a.m.

BOTTOM LEFT: Service members organize the day's collections Monday evening at Grounds for Thought. Coleman Howes (right), a University graduate in political science, is a community organizer with Organizing for America. He helped spread the word through out the community.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Displayed are some of the weekend's donations. Organizers estimated close to 2,000 pounds of non-perishable food items were collected.



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Football regulations ensure that all have fair job options

Rooney Rule tries to eliminate racism, not provide special treatment

By Kevin Murphy
Columnist

If you pay attention to sports and watch ESPN as often as I do, you have probably heard some discussion of the "Rooney Rule", a rule which requires all NFL teams to interview at least one minority candidate for any vacant head coaching or senior front office jobs.

As it generally is with any rules involving race, it is highly controversial. The Rooney Rule is generally pulled out of storage around this time of year because all the NFL teams that fired their coaches after the season are working on hiring new ones.

By coincidence, this usually happens to fall around Martin Luther King Day and the beginning of Black History Month, so we get roundtable discussions on "SportsCenter" about the rule. However, I would argue that the Rooney Rule is still very important and needs to remain a part of the NFL.

To me, the effect of the rule is pretty clear. When the Rooney Rule was enacted in 2003, just 6 percent of NFL head coaches were minorities. Seven years later, that number is now 22 percent. As much as it has improved, there is still a ways to go.

Approximately 65 percent of NFL players are black, and there are also significant minorities of Samoans, Hispanics and various other ethnic groups. Although the evidence seems clear, a statistics phrase comes to mind. That is, correlation does not necessarily imply causation.

In other words, the rise in minority coaches could be pure coincidence or due to unconsidered factors. It is true that there is no direct evidence

that the Rooney Rule has been the driving factor in minority head coaching opportunities, in fact, the hiring of Mike Tomlin by the Pittsburgh Steelers, often pointed to as a prime example of why the Rooney Rule works, has been said to not be influenced by the Rooney Rule by Steelers management.

It would seem they are telling the truth about this, since they had already interviewed current Carolina Panthers head coach Ron Rivera to satisfy the requirement.

Even considering all this information, I would still argue that it is important. Even the opportunity to interview, even if the team is interviewing a minority candidate solely to satisfy the requirement, is still beneficial to the candidate.

By interviewing for a head coaching job, he puts his name out in the press as a viable candidate for a head coaching position down the road. A great example of this is Leslie Frazier, a former assistant with the Minnesota Vikings.

By interviewing for head coaching positions and even declining some interviews as he did with the Seahawks, he set himself up as the man waiting in the wings for the Vikings once they decided to fire Brad Childress, and he is now a head coach.

There is a counter to this that proves the point as well, and that is college football, which has no Rooney Rule equivalent. There were a whopping 11 black head coaches in the Football Bowl Subdivision, something like 9 percent of all head coaches. All of them were hired in 2007 or later, and only five were at so called "BCS schools" (i.e. major programs).

Of these five, only one was at a program that has been his-

torically successful, and that would be Randy Shannon of Miami, who was fired at the end of the season. Additionally, Mike Haywood of Miami University was hired as the head coach at Pittsburgh, and then almost immediately fired after a domestic abuse case.

Furthermore, there is significant evidence that minority coaches do not get a lot of slack. Only one black coach at a major program has ever gone on to coach at another major program after being fired in the entire history of major college football, and that is former Notre Dame coach Ty Willingham, who many believe was railroaded out of South Bend, Ind. by alumni who never wanted him in the first place.

Finally, one of the main arguments people make against it is that it is some type of affirmative action. Leaving aside the entire debate of whether or not affirmative action is a good thing, the Rooney Rule could not be farther from it.

What it does is require teams to interview a minority coach, nowhere in the rule does it require teams to hire minority coaches or give them preference.

Teams are completely free to choose whoever they like based on the interviews, but one minority candidate must be "in the pool" so to speak. In the future, we may not need the Rooney Rule, but in a society where racism still exists, even in football, sometimes we need to use rules and regulations to combat deeply ingrained, even subconscious racism so that everyone gets a fair chance, regardless of skin color.

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Not every religious extremist means harm Media, secular mantras instill fear of different religious ideologists

By Mathew Davoli
Columnist

"All ideologies have their violent extremists." This is a sentiment held in high esteem in civil discourse. It is one of those sayings that is thrown out ad nauseam in a thoughtless manner by far too many in the news, debates and everyday life as a sort of secular mantra.

Is the statement and the sentiment that it espouses deserving of the sort of pseudo-sacramental position people have given it? I think not.

First of all, it should be made clear that it is simply a false proposition. Not all ideologies necessarily lead to violence if taken to the extreme. Take, for example, a religion called Jainism.

Jainism preaches a doctrine of non-violence. If any religion should be referred to as a religion of peace, this is it. Its overriding commandment is to do no harm. What kind of extremist come forth from this religion?

What you can see from documentaries and the like done on the Jainist extremist is that they live their lives in abject servitude to their virtue of doing no harm. They wear mesh over their mouths so as to not kill an insect by breathing it in; they carry a broom

at all times and sweep away their path as they walk so as to not step upon a single bug, etc. It is a life lived in paranoia, not one I would wish on anyone, but it is not a violent one.

I am not threatened by an extremist Jain. Nor am I threatened by extremist Amish Christians. I cannot envision one of them going into a crowd with an AK-47 and firing indiscriminately while screaming "Jesus is Great!" can you?

All ideologies are not created equal. Some taken to extremes are far more dangerous than others. To continue to ceremoniously state otherwise is to engage in a blind statement of falsehood that is unbecoming of civilized persons. Not only is it intellectually dishonest, it has an inherent danger to it as well.

If we had unlimited resources, it may be but an annoying aspect of life that the sentiment that all ideologies are equally susceptible to violence is espoused with such frequency. We simply do not though, and it would serve us well as a society to focus our energies on extremist that truly present a threat.

Imagine, for example, if there was a sizable grouping of extreme Amish Christians on one side of the street and

a sizable grouping of extreme Wahabi Muslims on the other side of the street of a small community. Would it not benefit the community to focus more on the Wahabi extremist? The correct answer is "yes." It is with that group of extremist that offers the greater threat of violence.

Not only is the equation of ideological extremes false and dangerous, it simply acts as a retardant in our conversation.

If we were to get rid of the statement and its sentiment and simply admit that some ideologies taken to the extreme are more harmful than others, then we could start talking about why that is. All too often the false statement acts as a conversation stopper, stopping further inquiry to the subject.

It would be fitting to actually discuss what it is about some ideologies that they may lead to violence in the extreme more than others. I call for the end of false equivalencies in the name of real conversation. This will lead to real understanding of the problems we face from violent extremist. It will only be then that we could start to construct solutions.

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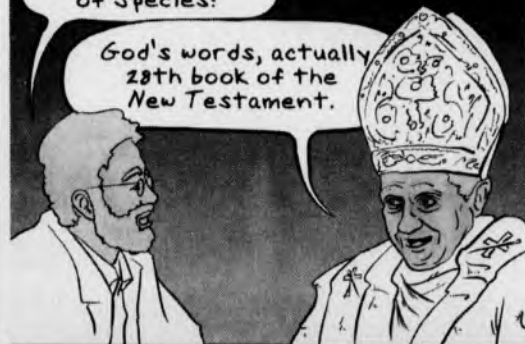
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Program provides Alaska whalers with 'float coats'

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Bowhead whale hunters in Alaska's northern seas have traditionally worn white as camouflage on the coastal ice, forgoing the use of personal flotation devices because they've been unavailable in white — until now.

When the subsistence whaling season arrives this spring, Alaska Native hunters from coastal villages will be outfitted with white "float coats" through a safety program that made its debut last year.

It's the result of efforts by the Coast Guard, the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and a British Columbia-based company that makes flotation and extreme-climate protection products.

The coats have a nylon shell and a buoyant foam filling that offers protection from the Arctic's frigid conditions.

Bowhead whales are an essential food source for the region's Native communities, who view hunting them as a cornerstone of their cultural identity.

—Rachel D'Oro (AP)

Oregon road washes out, forces residents to walk

ZIGZAG, Ore. (AP) — Heavy rain and runoff from melting snow swelled a river across a road near Mount Hood, washing it out and forcing residents to evacuate on foot.

The Oregonian reported a fire department sent teams on foot and all-terrain vehicles Monday to reach people in 30 to 40 homes cut off when the river washed out Lolo Pass Road Sunday night near the town of Zigzag.

The National Weather Service says as much as 6 to 10 inches of rain fell in about 24 hours in the Sandy River drainage while an additional 2 inches of snow melted on the flanks of Mount Hood.

KGW-TV reported the river appeared to have changed course when it washed out the road.

Houses in the area were also without power. Most of them are vacation homes.

Detroit police look for man suspected of raping seven

DETROIT — Detectives are searching for a man who they believe sexually assaulted seven women since New Year's Day and tried to attack another. Detroit's police chief said Monday.

The first attack happened before dawn on Jan. 1, and the most recent attack happened at 2:40 a.m. Thursday, hours before volunteers hit the streets to warn women and to circulate a sketch of the suspect. Chief Ralph Godbee said at a news conference.

"We don't want people to be gripped by fear. We're not going to let this monster cripple us," Godbee said.

The suspect is described as black, in his 30s and about 5 feet 9 inches tall. All of the victims are black, and they range in age from 17 to 33 years old, the chief said.

All of the attacks happened about five miles from downtown Detroit, and in most cases, the victims were waiting for a bus or walking to or from a bus stop. Godbee said.

—Ed White (AP)

Bill Clinton to campaign in Chicago for Emanuel

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago mayoral candidate Rahm Emanuel is getting a high-profile boost from one of his old bosses, former President Bill Clinton.

Clinton is scheduled to appear Tuesday at a rally for Emanuel in Chicago. A former top Clinton aide, Emanuel is one of six candidates vying to replace the retiring Mayor Richard Daley.

Clinton's upcoming visit stirred controversy last month when Congressman Danny Davis, who was then running for mayor, said Clinton could jeopardize his relationship with the black community if he campaigned for Emanuel instead of a black candidate.

Shortly after that, Davis dropped out of the mayor's race and only one major black candidate remains, former U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley Braun.

Clinton is a popular draw on the campaign trail and was in Chicago before the November election.

Husband discusses Giffords' progress in interview

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' husband says she's doing so well that she insisted on giving him a 10-minute neck massage from her hospital bed.

In an interview with ABC's Diane Sawyer that will air Tuesday, astronaut Mark Kelly says the gesture shows that his wife is improving and that her spirit and their personal bond remain strong.

Kelly told Sawyer that he reminded Giffords she's in intensive care and needed her rest. But the act was typical for her to look out for others.

Kelly also said he would be willing to meet with the parents of suspect Jared Loughner, who is accused of trying to assassinate Giffords. The attack wounded her and 12 others and killed six.

Washington state bird-watcher sees his stolen van

PORT ANGELES, Wash. (AP) — While Devan Miller was bird watching recently on Olympic Peninsula, he saw bald eagles, kingfishers, woodpeckers and his stolen Volkswagen Vanagon.

Miller told The Peninsula Daily News the van was so badly damaged he almost didn't recognize it. The top and side panels had been cut off and the dashboard ripped apart.

Clallam County detectives took fingerprints, but Miller has little hope of finding whoever took the van from his Port Angeles driveway in November.

The engine and transmission were intact when he spotted the van Jan. 2 in woods near the Elwha River. Miller was able to drive it eight miles to an auto sales yard, which is giving him credit toward another Volkswagen.

King's peace legacy praised after Ariz. shootings

MLK's words of nonviolence, tolerance and compassion still ring throughout the United States

By Errin Haines
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy as a preacher of peace and tolerance was lauded Monday as Americans marked his memorial day just over a week after the shootings in Arizona that killed 6 people and seriously wounded a congresswoman.

Attorney General Eric Holder, speaking at King's former church in Atlanta, praised him as "our nation's greatest drum major of peace" and said the Jan. 8 bloodshed was a call to recommit to King's values of nonviolence, tolerance, compassion and justice.

"Last week a senseless rampage in Tucson reminded us that more than 40 years after Dr. King's own tragic death, our struggle to eradicate violence and to promote peace goes on," Holder said.

President Barack Obama, in Washington, said part of King's legacy was about ser-

vice and urged Americans to get out into their communities — a step he suggested would have special meaning following the shootings.

"After a painful week where so many of us were focused on the tragedy, it's good for us to remind ourselves of what this country is all about," he told reporters as he and first lady Michelle Obama took part in a painting project at a school on Capitol Hill.

National and local politicians joined members of the King family at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta to mark what would have been the civil rights icon's 82nd birthday. Members of the King family also laid a wreath at the tombs of King and his widow, Coretta Scott King, on the 25th anniversary of the federal holiday established to honor the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, who worked with King during the civil rights movement, issued a renewed call for Americans to unite in peace

and love as King preached during his lifetime.

"If Dr. King could speak to us today, he would tell us that it does not matter how much we disapprove of another person's point of view, there is never a reason to deny another human being the respect he or she deserves," Lewis said.

The Rev. Raphael Warnock, pastor of Ebenezer, called for members of Congress to show solidarity during the State of the Union Address this month. Quoting the Bible and Abraham Lincoln, Warnock said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

"Maybe after Arizona what

our children need to see is us sitting together," Warnock said.

In Philadelphia, hundreds of volunteers including Mayor Michael Nutter helped refurbish computers for needy residents as part of the city's "day of service" events to mark the King holiday.

"The computer is your passport, not only to the future but to knowing what's going around you," Nutter said. The effort was part of the \$25 million federally funded Freedom Rings Partnership, which aims to deliver 5,000 computers over the next few years to people in the city, where 41 percent of residents lack Internet access.



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Program provides Alaska whalers with 'float coats'

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Bowhead whale hunters in Alaska's northern seas have traditionally worn white as camouflage on the coastal ice, forgoing the use of personal flotation devices because they've been unavailable in white — until now.

When the subsistence whaling season arrives this spring, Alaska Native hunters from coastal villages will be outfitted with white "float coats" through a safety program that made its debut last year.

It's the result of efforts by the Coast Guard, the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and a British Columbia-based company that makes flotation and extreme-climate protection products.

The coats have a nylon shell and a buoyant foam filling that offers protection from the Arctic's frigid conditions.

Bowhead whales are an essential food source for the region's Native communities, who view hunting them as a cornerstone of their cultural identity.

—Rachel D'Oro (AP)

Oregon road washes out, forces residents to walk

ZIGZAG, Ore. (AP) — Heavy rain and runoff from melting snow swelled a river across a road near Mount Hood, washing it out and forcing residents to evacuate on foot.

The Oregonian reported a fire department sent teams on foot and all-terrain vehicles Monday to reach people in 30 to 40 homes cut off when the river washed out Lolo Pass Road Sunday night near the town of Zigzag.

The National Weather Service says as much as 6 to 10 inches of rain fell in about 24 hours in the Sandy River drainage while an additional 2 inches of snow melted on the flanks of Mount Hood.

KGW-TV reported the river appeared to have changed course when it washed out the road.

Houses in the area were also without power. Most of them are vacation homes.

Detroit police look for man suspected of raping seven

DETROIT — Detectives are searching for a man who they believe sexually assaulted seven women since New Year's Day and tried to attack another, Detroit's police chief said Monday.

The first attack happened before dawn on Jan. 1, and the most recent attack happened at 2:40 a.m. Thursday, hours before volunteers hit the streets to warn women and to circulate a sketch of the suspect, Chief Ralph Godbee said at a news conference.

"We don't want people to be gripped by fear. We're not going to let this monster cripple us," Godbee said.

The suspect is described as black, in his 30s and about 5 feet 9 inches tall. All of the victims are black, and they range in age from 17 to 33 years old, the chief said.

All of the attacks happened about five miles from downtown Detroit, and in most cases, the victims were waiting for a bus or walking to or from a bus stop, Godbee said.

—Ed White (AP)

Bill Clinton to campaign in Chicago for Emanuel

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago mayoral candidate Rahm Emanuel is getting a high-profile boost from one of his old bosses, former President Bill Clinton.

Clinton is scheduled to appear Tuesday at a rally for Emanuel in Chicago. A former top Clinton aide, Emanuel is one of six candidates vying to replace the retiring Mayor Richard Daley.

Clinton's upcoming visit stirred controversy last month when Congressman Danny Davis, who was then running for mayor, said Clinton could jeopardize his relationship with the black community if he campaigned for Emanuel instead of a black candidate.

Shortly after that, Davis dropped out of the mayor's race and only one major black candidate remains, former U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley Braun.

Clinton is a popular draw on the campaign trail and was in Chicago before the November election.

Husband discusses Giffords' progress in interview

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' husband says she's doing so well that she insisted on giving him a 10-minute neck massage from her hospital bed.

In an interview with ABC's Diane Sawyer that will air Tuesday, astronaut Mark Kelly says the gesture shows that his wife is improving and that her spirit and their personal bond remain strong.

Kelly told Sawyer that he reminded Giffords she's in intensive care and needed her rest. But the act was typical for her to look out for others.

Kelly also said he would be willing to meet with the parents of suspect Jared Loughner, who is accused of trying to assassinate Giffords. The attack wounded her and 12 others and killed six.

Washington state bird-watcher sees his stolen van

PORT ANGELES, Wash. (AP) — While Devan Miller was bird watching recently on Olympic Peninsula, he saw bald eagles, kingfishers, woodpeckers and his stolen Volkswagen Vanagon.

Miller told The Peninsula Daily News the van was so badly damaged he almost didn't recognize it. The top and side panels had been cut off and the dashboard ripped apart.

Clallam County detectives took fingerprints, but Miller has little hope of finding whoever took the van from his Port Angeles driveway in November.

The engine and transmission were intact when he spotted the van Jan. 2 in woods near the Elwha River. Miller was able to drive it eight miles to an auto sales yard, which is giving him credit toward another Volkswagen.

King's peace legacy praised after Ariz. shootings

MLK's words of nonviolence, tolerance and compassion still ring throughout the United States

By Errin Haines
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy as a preacher of peace and tolerance was lauded Monday as Americans marked his memorial day just over a week after the shootings in Arizona that killed 6 people and seriously wounded a congresswoman.

Attorney General Eric Holder, speaking at King's former church in Atlanta, praised him as "our nation's greatest drum major of peace" and said the Jan. 8 bloodshed was a call to recommit to King's values of nonviolence, tolerance, compassion and justice.

"Last week a senseless rampage in Tucson reminded us that more than 40 years after Dr. King's own tragic death, our struggle to eradicate violence and to promote peace goes on," Holder said.

President Barack Obama, in Washington, said part of King's legacy was about ser-

vice and urged Americans to get out into their communities — a step he suggested would have special meaning following the shootings.

"After a painful week where so many of us were focused on the tragedy, it's good for us to remind ourselves of what this country is all about," he told reporters as he and first lady Michelle Obama took part in a painting project at a school on Capitol Hill.

National and local politicians joined members of the King family at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta to mark what would have been the civil rights icon's 82nd birthday. Members of the King family also laid a wreath at the tombs of King and his widow, Coretta Scott King, on the 25th anniversary of the federal holiday established to honor the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, who worked with King during the civil rights movement, issued a renewed call for Americans to unite in peace

and love as King preached during his lifetime.

"If Dr. King could speak to us today, he would tell us that it does not matter how much we disapprove of another person's point of view, there is never a reason to deny another human being the respect he or she deserves," Lewis said.

The Rev. Raphael Warnock, pastor of Ebenezer, called for members of Congress to show solidarity during the State of the Union Address this month. Quoting the Bible and Abraham Lincoln, Warnock said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

"Maybe after Arizona what

our children need to see is us sitting together," Warnock said.

In Philadelphia, hundreds of volunteers including Mayor Michael Nutter helped refurbish computers for needy residents as part of the city's "day of service" events to mark the King holiday.

"The computer is your passport, not only to the future but to knowing what's going around you," Nutter said. The effort was part of the \$25 million federally funded Freedom Rings Partnership, which aims to deliver 5,000 computers over the next few years to people in the city, where 41 percent of residents lack Internet access.



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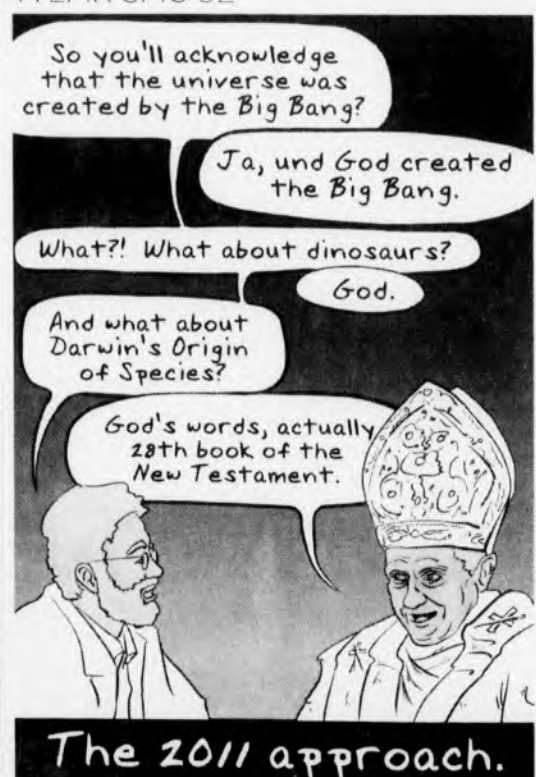
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NATION BRIEFS

Program provides Alaska whalers with 'float coats'

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Bowhead whale hunters in Alaska's northern seas have traditionally worn white as camouflage on the coastal ice, forgoing the use of personal flotation devices because they've been unavailable in white — until now.

When the subsistence whaling season arrives this spring, Alaska Native hunters from coastal villages will be outfitted with white "float coats" through a safety program that made its debut last year.

It's the result of efforts by the Coast Guard, the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and a British Columbia-based company that makes flotation and extreme-climate protection products.

The coats have a nylon shell and a buoyant foam filling that offers protection from the Arctic's frigid conditions.

Bowhead whales are an essential food source for the region's Native communities, who view hunting them as a cornerstone of their cultural identity.

—Rachel D'Oro (AP)

Oregon road washes out, forces residents to walk

ZIGZAG, Ore. (AP) — Heavy rain and runoff from melting snow swelled a river across a road near Mount Hood, washing it out and forcing residents to evacuate on foot.

The Oregonian reported a fire department sent teams on foot and all-terrain vehicles Monday to reach people in 30 to 40 homes cut off when the river washed out Lolo Pass Road Sunday night near the town of Zigzag.

The National Weather Service says as much as 6 to 10 inches of rain fell in about 24 hours in the Sandy River drainage while an additional 2 inches of snow melted on the flanks of Mount Hood.

KGW-TV reported the river appeared to have changed course when it washed out the road.

Houses in the area were also without power. Most of them are vacation homes.

Detroit police look for man suspected of raping seven

DETROIT — Detectives are searching for a man who they believe sexually assaulted seven women since New Year's Day and tried to attack another. Detroit's police chief said Monday.

The first attack happened before dawn on Jan. 1, and the most recent attack happened at 7:40 a.m. Thursday, hours before volunteers hit the streets to warn women and to circulate a sketch of the suspect. Chief Ralph Godbee said at a news conference.

"We don't want people to be gripped by fear. We're not going to let this monster cripple us," Godbee said.

The suspect is described as black, in his 30s and about 5 feet 9 inches tall. All of the victims are black, and they range in age from 17 to 33 years old, the chief said.

All of the attacks happened about five miles from downtown Detroit, and in most cases, the victims were waiting for a bus or walking to or from a bus stop. Godbee said.

—Ed White (AP)

Bill Clinton to campaign in Chicago for Emanuel

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago mayoral candidate Rahm Emanuel is getting a high-profile boost from one of his old bosses, former President Bill Clinton.

Clinton is scheduled to appear Tuesday at a rally for Emanuel in Chicago. A former top Clinton aide, Emanuel is one of six candidates vying to replace the retiring Mayor Richard Daley.

Clinton's upcoming visit stirred controversy last month when Congressman Danny Davis, who was then running for mayor, said Clinton could jeopardize his relationship with the black community if he campaigned for Emanuel instead of a black candidate.

Shortly after that, Davis dropped out of the mayor's race and only one major black candidate remains, former U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley Braun.

Clinton is a popular draw on the campaign trail and was in Chicago before the November election.

Husband discusses Giffords' progress in interview

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' husband says she's doing so well that she insisted on giving him a 10-minute neck massage from her hospital bed.

In an interview with ABC's Diane Sawyer that will air Tuesday, astronaut Mark Kelly says the gesture shows that his wife is improving and that her spirit and their personal bond remain strong.

Kelly told Sawyer that he reminded Giffords she's in intensive care and needed her rest. But the act was typical for her to look out for others.

Kelly also said he would be willing to meet with the parents of suspect Jared Loughner, who is accused of trying to assassinate Giffords. The attack wounded her and 12 others and killed six.

Washington state bird-watcher sees his stolen van

PORT ANGELES, Wash. (AP) — While Devan Miller was bird-watching recently on Olympic Peninsula, he saw bald eagles, kingfishers, woodpeckers and his stolen Volkswagen Vanagon.

Miller told The Peninsula Daily News the van was so badly damaged he almost didn't recognize it. The top and side panels had been cut off and the dashboard ripped apart.

Clallam County detectives took fingerprints, but Miller has little hope of finding who never took the van from his Port Angeles driveway in November.

The engine and transmission were intact when he spotted the van Jan. 2 in woods near the Elwha River. Miller was able to drive it eight miles to an auto sales yard, which is giving him credit toward another Volkswagen.

King's peace legacy praised after Ariz. shootings

MLK's words of nonviolence, tolerance and compassion still ring throughout the United States

By Errin Haines

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy as a preacher of peace and tolerance was lauded Monday as Americans marked his memorial day just over a week after the shootings in Arizona that killed 6 people and seriously wounded a congresswoman.

Attorney General Eric Holder, speaking at King's former church in Atlanta, praised him as "our nation's greatest drum major of peace" and said the Jan. 8 bloodshed was a call to recommit to King's values of nonviolence, tolerance, compassion and justice.

"Last week a senseless rampage in Tucson reminded us that more than 40 years after Dr. King's own tragic death, our struggle to eradicate violence and to promote peace goes on," Holder said.

President Barack Obama, in Washington, said part of King's legacy was about ser-

vice and urged Americans to get out into their communities — a step he suggested would have special meaning following the shootings.

"After a painful week where so many of us were focused on the tragedy, it's good for us to remind ourselves of what this country is all about," he told reporters as he and first lady Michelle Obama took part in a painting project at a school on Capitol Hill.

National and local politicians joined members of the King family at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta to mark what would have been the civil rights icon's 82nd birthday. Members of the King family also laid a wreath at the tombs of King and his widow, Coretta Scott King, on the 25th anniversary of the federal holiday established to honor the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, who worked with King during the civil rights movement, issued a renewed call for Americans to unite in peace

and love as King preached during his lifetime.

"If Dr. King could speak to us today, he would tell us that it does not matter how much we disapprove of another person's point of view, there is never a reason to deny another human being the respect he or she deserves," Lewis said.

The Rev. Raphael Warnock, pastor of Ebenezer, called for members of Congress to show solidarity during the State of the Union Address this month. Quoting the Bible and Abraham Lincoln, Warnock said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

"Maybe after Arizona what

our children need to see is us sitting together," Warnock said.

In Philadelphia, hundreds of volunteers including Mayor Michael Nutter helped refurbish computers for needy residents as part of the city's "day of service" events to mark the King holiday.

"The computer is your passport, not only to the future but to knowing what's going around you," Nutter said. The effort was part of the \$25 million federally funded Freedom Rings Partnership, which aims to deliver 5,000 computers over the next few years to people in the city, where 41 percent of residents lack Internet access.



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Reichard started both games in net for Miami, stopping 49 of 51 shots in the two games.

The Falcons have a bye this weekend. They will be in action Jan. 28 against Lake Superior at home.



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COURT LEADER: Jordan Crawford looks to create some offense during BG's 62-53 win against Miami on Sunday.

Track and field begins season with third place finish in BGSU Challenge

Sophomore Jeanette Pettigrew won the 60-meter dash and scored 15 points overall as an individual as the BG track and field team finished third at the BGSU Challenge on Saturday.

Pettigrew finished the 60-meter dash in 7.55 seconds, falling short of the record by just two one-hundredths of a second.

BG scored 118 points as a team, surpassing two Mid-American Conference teams in Miami (112) and Ball State (58).

Western Michigan won the BGSU Challenge with 168 points.

BG's best performance on the

day came in the long jump, where the Falcons racked up 18 points — with senior Brittani McNeal leading the way for BG (5.63 meters).

In the high jump, Tatijana Jacobson placed second (1.6m) behind Ball State's Rebecca Lomax (1.65 meters).

The Falcons placed third in six other events, featuring Abby Koch (5000m), McNeal (400m), Heather Conger (800m), the "A" 4x100m relay team and Ashley Harris (weight throw and shot put).

BG will travel to Kent state on Friday for the All-Ohio Championships.

Notes: Crawford, Falcon bench provides spark in win over Miami

By Paul Barney
Sports Editor

He was the smallest player on the court, but came up big for the Falcons.

With his team trailing 10-2 with 15:15 left in the first half, 5-foot-6-inch Jordan Crawford checked into the game and made an immediate impact — dishing out an assist to Austin Calhoun.

It was the first of eight assists for Crawford, who added 10 points and five steals in BG's 62-53 win against Miami on Sunday, giving the BG men's basketball team a share of the Mid-American Conference East lead with the RedHawks and Kent State.

Crawford hit his first three shots of the game and exposed Miami's defense with his ability to find open teammates, including an alley-oop pass to Torian

Oglesby, who completed the high-flying dunk and put a spark in the Falcons' 10-3 run to close out the first half.

"[Crawford] took it to us today," said Miami coach Charlie Coles. "He was the best player on the floor. He made our guards run the other way."

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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Crawford, Pettigrew earn award

Men's basketball player Jordan Crawford and track and field star Jeanette Pettigrew have been named the Papa John's Athlete's of the Week.

SWIMMING

Falcons fall to Eastern Michigan

The BG swim team opened the 2011 portion of its season Friday with a 158-136 setback to Eastern Michigan. Junior Vicky Yu swept the butterfly events.

Ohio State new No.1 in men's hoops

By Jim O'Connell
The Associated Press

The last time Thad Matta's Ohio State Buckeyes topped The Associated Press Top 25, they reached the national championship game.

Could the same karma take place in 2010-11?

"It did happen that way before and it would be great for it to happen again," Matta said Monday, hours after the Buckeyes replaced Duke at No. 1. "I'd trade it right now for better defense. But it's great for our program."

The Buckeyes (18-0) moved up one spot to replace Duke, which was No. 1 in the preseason Top 25 and the first nine polls of the regular season, including six weeks as the unanimous pick of the 65-member national media panel.

The Blue Devils' loss at Florida State on Wednesday opened the way for the Buckeyes, who are No. 1 for the third time in school history.

Ohio State was No. 1 for all of 1960-61 and 1961-62, a run of 27 straight polls, and for three weeks at the

end of 2006-07.

"This is big for our program and The Ohio State University," Matta said. "At Ohio State we're trying to be the best program we can be and this is part of that. I don't know if the players will wear it as a target. I think we know how tough it will be to keep it."

Ohio State, led by John Havlicek and Jerry Lucas, won the national championship in 1960 and lost the title game to Cincinnati in 1961 and 1962.

The Buckeyes, this time led by Greg Oden and Mike Conley Jr., reached the Final Four in 2007, losing to Florida in the championship game.

The Buckeyes got as high as No. 5 last season with Evan Turner, the national player of the year, leading the way. He left early for the NBA draft and is now with the Philadelphia 76ers.

"I'm glad to see it," he said of the No. 1 ranking. "They're doing well and just playing terrific. I knew they were going to be really good, especially with the returning players they had and the

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incoming players they have now. They paid their dues over the last three years. This is perfect."

With West Virginia moving into the poll for the first time this season, the Big East ties its own record with nine teams in the Top 25. There were nine Big East teams ranked for one week in January 2009.

The Buckeyes received 49 first-place votes Monday. Kansas, which was No. 1 on six ballots, and Syracuse, which got eight first-place votes, each moved up one spot to second and third.

Duke, which still received one first-place vote, dropped to fourth. Pittsburgh, which was also No. 1 on one ballot, San Diego State and Villanova remained fifth through seventh.

Connecticut, BYU and

Texas rounded out the top 10.

Fourteen ranked schools lost last week, including Purdue, Notre Dame and Illinois, which each lost twice.

The other schools moving into the poll this week are Minnesota and Michigan State, both of which were ranked earlier this season, and Saint Mary's, Calif.

"It's nice to be recognized," said Saint Mary's coach Randy Bennett. "Being ranked in Top 25 polls really demonstrates the consistency of the program and gives our team some extra recognition and publicity, which we appreciate."

Kansas State, which was No. 3 in the preseason poll, Temple, Georgia and UCF dropped out this week.

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Crawford's eight assists tied a career-high he set against Niagara earlier this season and his five steals set a new career high, surpassing his previous high of three.

"There were openings on the court and I just tried to make the right decisions throughout the whole game," Crawford said.

Bench

Crawford wasn't the only one who provided a spark off the bench for the Falcons.

Luke Kraus, Danny McElroy and Oglesby combined for 23 points (9-17 from the field) as BG's bench outscored Miami's bench 33-4.

"I thought the second group that we brought into the game gave us a huge lift, and they played Falcon basketball,"

said BG coach Louis Orr. "I tip my hat to those guys."

Crowd

"The House That Roars" lived up to its name Sunday as 2,367 fans were the most in Anderson Arena since Feb. 18, 2006, when 2,835 showed up to watch the Falcons take on Wright State.

"That felt great. It brought me back to my high school days," Crawford said about the crowd. "The momentum was on our side. I wish it was like that every game because it felt so good. I think that was our sixth man today."

Old school

As part of a throwback game, the Falcons donned jerseys modeled after the ones from the early 1960s, reading "BGU" across the chest.

"I like them," Kraus said. "We asked coach if we could wear them for the rest of the year."

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game as a team.

"Their pressure is great in every position, especially their wing denial," Prochaska said. "It was hard for us to get catches on the wing. That was a huge factor."

For Miller, the game reminded him of a tournament game.

"What reminds me of a tournament game is that each and every possession is big," he said. "No one had a big lead the whole night. Every possession was important, every possession mattered."

"Both teams didn't want to be in the 40s but both teams really dialed in defensively and tried to make everything as difficult as possible."

The Falcons have never been a team to get too

high on a win or too low after a loss.

Miller said he didn't think his team could go undefeated in the MAC and is not sure if any team can go undefeated because "the MAC is too good," according to Miller.

Saturday's loss at Kent State, which was BG's first loss to the Golden Flashes in nearly six years, is not putting a damper on the Falcons' goals, however.

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"We want to be playing our best basketball come March, and if this helps us get ready to continue to improve and play our best basketball in March then we're getting better."

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Despite the brief flurry of goals, Andrew Hammond played well in net, stopping 29 of 32 shots for BG.

Reichard started both games in net for Miami, stopping 49 of 51 shots in the two games.

The Falcons have a bye this weekend. They will be in action Jan. 28 against Lake Superior at home.



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COURT LEADER: Jordon Crawford looks to create some offense during BG's 62-53 win against Miami on Sunday.

Notes: Crawford, Falcon bench provides spark in win over Miami

By Paul Barney
Sports Editor

He was the smallest player on the court, but came up big for the Falcons.

With his team trailing 10-2 with 15:15 left in the first half, 5-foot-6-inch Jordon Crawford checked into the game and made an immediate impact — dishing out an assist to Auston Calhoun.

It was the first of eight assists for Crawford, who added 10 points and five steals in BG's 62-53 win against Miami on Sunday, giving the BG men's basketball team a share of the Mid-American Conference East lead with the RedHawks and Kent State.

Crawford hit his first three shots of the game and exposed Miami's defense with his ability to find open teammates, including an alley-oop pass to Torian

Oglesby, who completed the high-flying dunk and put a spark in the Falcons' 10-3 run to close out the first half.

"[Crawford] took it to us today," said Miami coach Charlie Coles. "He was the best player on the floor. He made our guards run the other way."

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Track and field begins season with third place finish in BGSU Challenge

Sophomore Jeanette Pettigrew won the 60-meter dash and scored 15 points overall as an individual as the BG track and field team finished third at the BGSU Challenge on Saturday.

Pettigrew finished the 60-meter dash in 7.55 seconds, falling short of the record by just two one-hundredths of a second.

BG scored 118 points as a team, surpassing two Mid-American Conference teams in Miami (112) and Ball State (58).

Western Michigan won the BGSU Challenge with 168 points.

BG's best performance on the

day came in the long jump, where the Falcons racked up 18 points — with senior Brittani McNeal leading the way for BG (5.63 meters).

In the high jump, Tatijana Jacobson placed second (1.6m) behind Ball State's Rebecca Lomax (1.65 meters).

The Falcons placed third in six other events, featuring Abby Koch (5000m), McNeal (400m), Heather Conger (800m), the "A" 4x100m relay team and Ashley Harris (weight throw and shot put).

BG will travel to Kent state on Friday for the All-Ohio Championships.

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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Crawford, Pettigrew earn award

Men's basketball player Jordon Crawford and track and field star Jeanette Pettigrew have been named the Papa John's Athlete's of the Week.

SWIMMING

Falcons fall to Eastern Michigan

The BG swim team opened the 2011 portion of its season Friday with a 158-136 setback to Eastern Michigan. Junior Vicky Yu swept the butterfly events.

Ohio State new No.1 in men's hoops

By Jim O'Connell
The Associated Press

The last time Thad Matta's Ohio State Buckeyes topped The Associated Press Top 25, they reached the national championship game.

Could the same karma take place in 2010-11?

"It did happen that way before and it would be great for it to happen again," Matta said Monday, hours after the Buckeyes replaced Duke at No. 1. "I'd trade it right now for better defense. But it's great for our program."

The Buckeyes (18-0) moved up one spot to replace Duke, which was No. 1 in the preseason Top 25 and the first nine polls of the regular season, including six weeks as the unanimous pick of the 65-member national media panel.

The Blue Devils' loss at Florida State on Wednesday opened the way for the Buckeyes, who are No. 1 for the third time in school history.

Ohio State was No. 1 for all of 1960-61 and 1961-62, a run of 27 straight polls, and for three weeks at the

end of 2006-07.

"This is big for our program and The Ohio State University," Matta said. "At Ohio State we're trying to be the best program we can be and this is part of that. I don't know if the players will wear it as a target. I think we know how tough it will be to keep it."

Ohio State, led by John Havlicek and Jerry Lucas, won the national championship in 1960 and lost the title game to Cincinnati in 1961 and 1962.

The Buckeyes, this time led by Greg Oden and Mike Conley Jr., reached the Final Four in 2007, losing to Florida in the championship game.

The Buckeyes got as high as No. 5 last season with Evan Turner, the national player of the year, leading the way. He left early for the NBA draft and is now with the Philadelphia 76ers.

"I'm glad to see it," he said of the No. 1 ranking. "They're doing well and just playing terrific. I knew they were going to be really good, especially with the returning players they had and the

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Thad Matta | OSU coach

incoming players they have now. They paid their dues over the last three years. This is perfect."

With West Virginia moving into the poll for the first time this season, the Big East ties its own record with nine teams in the Top 25. There were nine Big East teams ranked for one week in January 2009.

The Buckeyes received 49 first-place votes Monday. Kansas, which was No. 1 on six ballots, and Syracuse, which got eight first-place votes, each moved up one spot to second and third.

Duke, which still received one first-place vote, dropped to fourth. Pittsburgh, which was also No. 1 on one ballot, San Diego State and Villanova remained fifth through seventh.

Connecticut, BYU and

Texas rounded out the top 10.

Fourteen ranked schools lost last week, including Purdue, Notre Dame and Illinois, which each lost twice.

The other schools moving into the poll this week are Minnesota and Michigan State, both of which were ranked earlier this season, and Saint Mary's, Calif.

"It's nice to be recognized," said Saint Mary's coach Randy Bennett. "Being ranked in Top 25 polls really demonstrates the consistency of the program and gives our team some extra recognition and publicity, which we appreciate."

Kansas State, which was No. 3 in the preseason poll, Temple, Georgia and UCF dropped out this week.

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Crawford's eight assists tied a career-high he set against Niagara earlier this season and his five steals set a new career high, surpassing his previous high of three.

"There were openings on the court and I just tried to make the right decisions throughout the whole game," Crawford said.

Bench

Crawford wasn't the only one who provided a spark off the bench for the Falcons.

Luke Kraus, Danny McElroy and Oglesby combined for 23 points (9-for-17 from the field) as BG's bench outscored Miami's bench 33-4.

"I thought the second group that we brought into the game gave us a huge lift, and they played Falcon basketball,"

said BG coach Louis Orr. "I tip my hat to those guys."

Crowd

"The House That Roars" lived up to its name Sunday as 2,367 fans were the most in Anderson Arena since Feb. 18, 2006, when 2,835 showed up to watch the Falcons take on Wright State.

"That felt great. It brought me back to my high school days," Crawford said about the crowd. "The momentum was on our side. I wish it was like that every game because it felt so good. I think that was our sixth man today."

Old school

As part of a throwback game, the Falcons donned jerseys modeled after the ones from the early 1960s, reading "BGU" across the chest.

"I like them," Kraus said. "We asked coach if we could wear them for the rest of the year."

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game as a team.

"Their pressure is great in every position, especially their wing denial," Prochaska said. "It was hard for us to get catches on the wing. That was a huge factor."

For Miller, the game reminded him of a tournament game.

"What reminds me of a tournament game is that each and every possession is big," he said. "No one had a big lead the whole night. Every possession was important, every possession mattered."

"Both teams didn't want to be in the 40s but both teams really dialed in defensively and tried to make everything as difficult as possible."

The Falcons have never been a team to get too

high on a win or too low after a loss.

Miller said he didn't think his team could go undefeated in the MAC and is not sure if any team can go undefeated because "the MAC is too good," according to Miller.

Saturday's loss at Kent State, which was BG's first loss to the Golden Flashes in nearly six years, is not putting a damper on the Falcons' goals, however.

"No goals have changed," Miller said. "Our goal ulti-

mately is to put ourselves in position to win the conference. One loss is not going to change that."

"We want to be playing our best basketball come March, and if this helps us get ready to continue to improve and play our best basketball in March then we're getting better."

BG resumes conference play tonight at Buffalo with tipoff at 7 p.m.

The Bulls are 9-8 this season and 2-2 in the MAC.

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